

The whole matter of how extensive shall be President Coolidge's cleanup of the taint of oil in his official family will be definitely decided at the vab net meeting tomorrow

This was learned following a mid night White House conference be-tween Senator Borah, the attorney general and the president. It is understood that Borah advised Denby to resign at once so that the presi dent could go into the campaign for renomination and election without any impediments.

So far Daugherty has not bee swayed by these arguments, it is He has waited for the president to express a desire but the appeared before the jurist this morn- and which subsequently disappeared. president in his effort to be fair has

steadfastly declined to make the reying a gun," she said. Mrs. Wallick declared that her quest. He declared time and again that he would not ask any man to retire as a result of the oil lease scandal until that person had been found guilty of some wrongdoing.

Sensational developments late to day in the naval oil leasing scandal were of a character that not even

the resignation of Secretary of the Navy Denby foreshadowed. Chairman Lenroot of the senate in vestigating committee officially an-

hounced that a new list of witnesse including members and employes of the New York stock brokerage of P. Benkard & Co., will be heard at 10 morrow morning in executive ses

This decision to get testimony in ecret is admittedly based on a de termination by at least a part of the committee to anlyse certain new and serious information before permitting it to go to the public.

Receipt of these notices resulted in an immediate statement that any attemtp to "turn an open hearing into a private probe" will be met with instant and emphatic protest from mbers of the committee who fee that the confidence of the public in the committee's sincerity would b endangered by such a procedure."

War Veterans Want Howell to Head U.S. Navy

Qualifications of Nebraska Senator Are Sent in Lee Forby Camp Message to **President Coolidge.**

Nebraska Spanish American war veterans have urged the appointment of a member of the post. Lee Farly Omaha, for secretary of the 1 avy, to succeed Secretary Denby, Senator E. B. Howell, graduate of the Annap olis naval academy and veteran of the Spanish-American and World wars, is the man they desire to have ap Lointed

D. Burr Jones, commander, in en plaining a telegram they sent urging a appointment of Senator Howell, said: "Recommendation by our little post may not carry much weight, but it should start the peoples thinking along that line and it will show Sena tor Howell that we endorse his a tivities

urned again to Bacon. "Yes," the latter cried. ublic library, the appointed meeting

Wallick drew another revolver, (Turn to Page Three, Column One.)

Slayer's Wife Denies the court house at the time of the hooting, but did not learn of it un-Knowledge of Intent til sometime later, when she became ysterical.

Mrs. Wallick No. 2 has a police rec-Special Dispatch' to The Omaha Bee. ord here, having been arrested some-Lincoln, Feb. 18 .- Ethel Hanson time ago for living in a tent on the Wallick, second wife of Wallace Wal- outskirts of town with a Mexican.

Papers which Wallick took out of ick, slayer of District Judge W. M Morning, tonight denied any knowl his pocket and placed on a table in edge of her husband's intent when he the court room before the shooting.

were placed by several witnesses.

They were opened after a conferhusband, before he left her today, ence of district judges, the sheriff gave her \$15 and a gold ring. He and County Attorney Matson, but told her that he would meet her after were found to be only contracts be-the hearing in front of the Lincoln tween Wallick and the Burlington

railroad for tunneling operations. public library, she said. Witnesses stated the opinion that Wallick and his second wife have een living here under the name of Wallick had one gun in an inside Grant, authorities learned tonight. pocket, but examination of his cloth-Funeral arrangements for Judge ing this aftern on failed to reveal a Morning have not been made. holster.

Denby's Letter of Resignation

Washington, Feb. 18 .- Secretary Denby's letter of resignation, dated February 17, is as follows: "My Dear Mr. President:

"Heretofore I have verbally expressed to you my deep appreciation of your strong message in regard to the Robinson resolution.

"No one appreciates better than I how difficult your situation has become. I fear that my continuance in the cabinet would increase your embarrassments. Therefore, I have the honor to tender to you my resignation as secretary of the navy.

"As there are a few pending matters which had received my personal attention, I suggest that my resignation be accepted as of the date of March 10, 1924.

"It will always be a gratifying thought to me that neither you nor anyone else has at any time advised me to resign.

"I assure you again of my appreciation of the many courtesies you have shown me and of your last great act in refusing to accede to the demand, of the senate that you ask my resignation.

With cordial regards to you and Mrs. Coolidge, and best wishes always, I am,

EDWIN DENBY." "Very sincerely yours,

The President's Reply

Washington, Feb. 18 .- Following is the text of President Coolidge's letter, dated today: "My Dear Mr. Secretary:

"Your resignation has been received. I am conscious that you have tendered it from a sense of public duty. It is with regret that I am to part with you. You will go with the knowledge that your honesty and integrity have not been impugned. I treasure and reciprocate your expressions of friendship.

"I shall remember the fine sense of loyalty which you have always exhibited toward me with much satisfaction and always wish you and yours contentment and success. "Very truly yours,

CALVIN COOLIDGE."

country are most prospe Clondike, Alaska. of the country are most prosperous only languishes, but suffers 1 place, however, the woman was not acutely. Low prices uniting with

His what subsequently occurred. high cost of operation are throttling statements when he came out of It now develops that she was in The farmer must sell in a low it. cabinet meeting several weeks ago market and buy in a high market. He which he justified the leases to Doheny and Sinclair, saying that if is told by his self-appointed friends in Washington how much they feel his he had it to do over again he would troubles, but that he must help him do exactly the same as before demon

self and return to a diversified farmstrated quite clearly that his usefuling. Natural economic law is in-voked in his behalf, and if natural ness as a public servant was ended "The senate was clearly right in economic laws would bring him salvation he would rejoice, but the wait his resignation. It is well that he ing period will bring him only ruin. has resigned. It is unfortunate that "The farmer has the right to ask neither he nor the president could his government for protection. He see the necessity for this action immediately upon the disclosures made

were discovered in the office of the is entitled to the same generosity the "I did not even know he was car clerk of the district court, where they government extends to manufacturers before the senate committee and Mr. and railroads. If government action Denby's declarations concerning what an bring him relative prices between had been done. the commodities he produces and "The president denied the senate's those he has to purchase, he should petition to request Mr. Denby's res-

have ft. Endorses McNary-Haugen Bill."

"One bill now pending in congress opproximates this, and we think proof. So far as we know, there have been no such developments nor ad do so in a few days. trikes at the root of the agricultural ubles. The McNary-Haugen bill ditional proof; yet Mr. Denby resigns aims to restore a "ratio" price on the and the president accepts his resigna-principal staples, so that a bushel of tion.

""The vote of no confidence in Mr. wheat, a pound of beef or a pound of pork may have the same purchasing Denby, proposed by the senate, has power as in the pre-war period. It now been sustained by the adminisplans governmental aid in practical tration, although the president him o-operation among the widely scatself gave out a statement proclaim ered farmers. It is not government ing to the world that he intended price-fixing, as generally understood, to disregard it." Speaks to University Students.

for the plan proposed is intended to be self-supporting without burden upon he treasury, except for the initial re volving fund for the export corpora-

"Consistently I have supported very measure designed to help agriculture. The McNary bill now pre sents, in my opinion, the one hope of real aid. It probably will require some mendment, but its principlep romised uccess

"Of course, the government alone cannot bring full prosperity to the farming regions; but it can aid, and t can give the farmer a fair chance o win in his long struggle for equity This it must do."

"And it must not be forgotten that where suffering is most distressing in the wheat-growing districts, the government, during the war, reduced the price of wheat and held it down. while the commodities necessary to farmers were permitted to soar."

Hope in Wheat Tariff. "Diversification, where possible, higher tariff, lower freight rates, all may be of some service; but of al the plans presented, the most promis ing now seems the McNary bill. Supports Bonus

"No matter what the Mellon plan be, the republican party must may keep its word and enact the adjusted compensation bill," continued Sen ator Johnson. He spoke sarcastically of the interest in American people shown by the New York Central ly seen in Washington. You have go Railroad company, J. P. Morgan and other large financial corporations. "The Mellon plan is assumed to at tract the attention of the people from other important national mat-

ters. "I think is was necessary for Mr. Denby to resign apart from any ques-tion of the turpitude or corruption. Obio "Big Seven" slate of candidates flag of the United States. for delegates at large to the repub-His transfer of the paval oil reserves lican presidential convention, pledged rope had taken from America, her to Secretary Fall was the genesis of to the support of Hiram Johnson

McAdoo Pledges John Morehead to Drive Out Graft Says He'll File **From Washington** for Re-Election

etitioning the president to ask for Congressman's Decision Re- Former Treasury Secretary moves Another Possibility for Senate From Ranks of Democrats.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Feb. 18 .- Although Congressman John H. Morehead of Falls City did not file for re-election toignation and indulged in some remarks concerning the necessity for day, Secretary of State Charles W. McAdoo, in addressing a conference further developments and future Pool announced that he had received of friends and supporters from all sec- and familiarity increased without

> Morehead's decision to be a candidate removes another possibility

the democrats. are getting their names on both democratic and progressive ballots, when he personally filed on the democratic ticket and accepted progressive peti- ity" and consider economic problems; Blair that afternoon, where Phelps

Others to file today include of the University of Nebraska at 11 Thomas E. Conley of Omaha, candi- dum; "to take the grip of Wall street the two were seen there at a garage. republican ticket; Robert R. Dickson of O'Neill and Frederick W. Button of Fremont as candidates for district did udgeships, and Soren M. Fries of much to "place public service on a high plane and quicken public conscience. His imprint was left upon his times as we hoped indelibly, to the Twenty-fourth district.

their purification and advantage, and the benefit of all the future. He Speed, Johnson Motto; fought the existing system. We fight Ad-Sell League Given

In 10 minutes time, Senator Hiram ohnson greeted members of the Ad-Sell league at the regular meeting at the Fontenelle hotel last night, de clared that the life of a candidate on a self-conducted presidenttial cam paign was not all "that it was cracked up to be, wished all Ad-Sell members. Imahans and Nebraskans a fond farewell and was in another room eat-

The senator's five-month trip to Surope a short time ago was touched n. The impressions he acquired at that time were spoken of and spoken of in such a humorous vetin that the listeners wondered whether or not he truly had been in Europe looking

In speaking of the customs of the arious nations, he spoke of the thrill that comes to a traveler, when the flag of his native country is seen He told how he stood on a hill at the edge of a little village on the shores of the Mediterranian looking at the historicial points of interest, when its

sight was attracted by a flag, the Senator Johnson declared that Eubars and her jazz music,

Accepts "Leadership of the **Progressive Democracy** of the World. Chicago, Feb. 18 .- A platform "to

satisfy the demand of progress" was word from him stating that he would tions of the country which called upon causing any comment. The him by formal resplution to accept

Tram Line Valuation

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ment by officials of the Omaha and

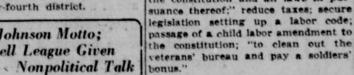
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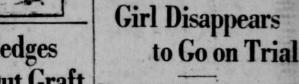
The commission has valued the

"leadership of the progressive democracy of the nation. or the senate from the ranks of

Floyd L. Bollen of Lincoln today Washington; a new international conbined the rush of democrats who ference in the American capital to north. "promote peace, reduce the burdens drove in the same directio justice and stability, revive prospersubmission of the question of Ameri-

can participation to a popular referen date for lieutenant governor on the off the Treasury department and the This was Thursday. federal reserve system;" repeal of the Fordney-MoCumber tariff bill; to bring about prompt railroad reforms; to "put agriculture on its feet agoin:" Dannebrog, candidate for the state to "enforce the 18th amendment o senate on the democratic ticket from the constitution and all laws in pur-





Decatur Laborer Accused of Offense Against High School Miss-Wife Stands by

Husband.

Decatur, Neb., Feb. 18 .- Facing harges of a statutory offense against Jessie McCluskey, 19, Decatur High school girl, who has been missing since January 17, Fred G. Phelps,

goes on trial today. Phelps and the girl have lived in enunciated tonight by former Secre McCluskeys live on a farm near town. tary of the Treasury William Gibbs Phelps is a labor in Decatur. They have known each other for some tim often were seen together.

Returns Alone

Jessie left school the afternoon of The platform pledges were: To January 17, but did not go in the drive out corruption from official direction of her home. Instead, she walked up the street towards the A short time later Phelps

of armament, restore international Persons who know both state that the couple was seen in is said to have cashed a small check Later reports from Omaha say that

> The following Saturday Phelps re urned to Decatur alone.

> > Wife Denies Charge.

Phelps denies knowing the where bouts of the girl and also denies hints as to his conduct with the girl. He was arrested by Sheriff Smith legislation setting up a labor code; of Tekamah at Onawa, Ia., after the constitution; "to clean out the Phelps had been driven to the lows

side with his wife. Mrs. Phelps emphatically states that her husband is hnocent of any misconduct. She denies that she was aiding him to escape.

Argued at Hearing The girl's father is furlous over the spatch to The Omaha Bee. failure to locate his daughter Lincoln, Feb. 18 .- The state rail

Married in Council Bluffs. The following persons obtained ma censes in Council Bluffs yesterday Jacob Rewerts Hildreth, Neb. . Tillie de Jonge, Hildreth, Neb. pany for an increase in valuation of R. C. Hlatt, Moravia, Ia. Nellie Underwood, Exeter, Neb. property at \$13,800,000 and street Anna Howard, Omaha railway heads maintain that it should Arlow Jeppensen, Omaha. be nearer \$20,000,000. The hearing was not completed today and will be Pearl Walker, Omaha continued in Omaha tomorrow when E. L. Dixon, Blair, Neb. the commission also will listen to complaints against street car ser- Sylvia Sube, Schuler, Neb vice. Attorney John L. Webster and General Manager Leusler appeared Vern Barr, Fort Crook, Neh. Lloyd Gibson, Chamber, Neb. Winnie McClenshan, Chamber, Neb Bluffs Bluffs

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Johnson also sharply criticized th action of the republican national committee in giving a large delegate epresentation to the southern states, and said that as a result the national convention does not truly represent the wishes of the people. Johnson said that South Carolina

spectively, have 23 delegates to the epublican national convention, while Nebraska with a vote of 247,000 in 1920 has only 19 delegates. In Nebraska, the senator said, the dele

while in the southern states they are shosen by "crooked office holders." "I am warring upon the system which makes this possible," the senator said. "the system which sponsors the corruption you have recent

In an address before the student

this morning. Senator Johnson open

Senator Johnson eulogized Theo

ed his 1924 campaign in Nebraska.

dore Roosevelt, who, he said,

it again today.'

to clean up the house and sweep clean, and the people are going to sweep it clean in 1924."

Active for Johnson in Ohio. Cleveland, O., Feb. 18 .- H. H. Timken of Canton, is to head the

and Mississippi, with a republican vote in 1920 of 2.600 and 11.000, re

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or political timber.